



## NFCC Protection & Business Safety Committee

### Business Plan 2019 to 2021

The Protection and Business Safety Committee is chaired by Mark Hardingham supported by two vice chairs – Nick Coombe is vice chair with responsibility for the work related directly to the MHCLG Business Safety Programme and Hackitt review / Grenfell outcomes. Guy Keen is vice chair with responsibility for the remainder of the P&BS work associated with business as usual.

The committee is attended by both the chairs of the regional and devolved assembly groups, other interested parties such as DFRMO, Home Office and CPFIG, and workstream leads.

The committee is supported by other sub-groups – these are too numerous to list but include the Fire Engineer and Technical Standards Group and Higher Risk Accommodation Group. NFCC have also been funded to provide a seconded team of P&BS staff to support the work associated with the Government's Building Safety Programme. This team was established in early 2019 and funding is in place through to mid/late 2020.

The business plan is a flexible plan that sets out in brief detail the key areas of work. It is reviewed periodically and supported by more detailed work led through the lead officers for each area of work.

Workstream Heading	NFCC Lead	Workstream Detail
MHCLG Building Safety Programme	Nick Coombe	To inform and respond to the Government's Building Safety Programme, and that of Devolved Assemblies, and associated work streams including – FSO Consultation, Joint Regulatory Group, Competence, ADB Review, Interim Measures guidance and many other workstreams  To continue to work with UK FRS and Government to ensure the current built environment is safe in relation to ACM and other cladding, fire doors and other emerging themes
Fire Engineering & Technical Standards	Bob Birtles/Gareth Steele	To inform and respond to any relevant technical consultations and to ensure NFCC are best positioned to influence the built environment by providing NFCC with technical expertise to promote public safety

Competency of P&BS staff	Adreena Parkin-Coates	<p>To review the competency framework including considering 3<sup>rd</sup> party accreditation</p> <p>To continue to be the link to Government and other national bodies including the Fire Standards Board and align with NFCC workforce committee.</p>
AFA / UWFS	Paul McCourt	To work with industry, FRS and Home Office to develop good practice models to support the reduction in AFA and UWFS
HMICFRS and Inspection Outcomes	Stephen Norman	<p>To inform the HMICFRS and other inspecting bodies approach to the inspection of P&amp;BS in FRS through the HMICFRS technical working group and external reference group.</p> <p>To respond to the findings from inspections in 2018/19 and support FRS by developing national pieces of work that support FRS to respond to the emerging themes</p>
Fire Investigation	Chris Blacksell	<p>All FRS who investigate fires that will have any impact on the criminal justice system are required to be accredited to ISO17020 by October 2020. The workstream will support FRS in the approach to accreditation through the coordination of a pilot and roll out of the process to ensure that it is reasonable and achievable. This will be supported by an NFCC competency framework.</p> <p>To continue to be the link to Government and other national bodies including the Fire Standards Board.</p>
Business Engagement	Guy Keen	<p>To have a strategic steer to FRS on business engagement matters and act as the voice of Business Engagement on national issues in the media and with Government.</p> <p>To maintain and build on national relationships with other regulatory bodies and share good practice across the FRS</p>
Heritage Buildings	Mark Abram ( <i>outgoing</i> )	<p>To work with FRSs and industry to protect Heritage Buildings, which pose unique challenge to fire safety professionals.</p> <p>To continue to balance the need to preserve the aesthetics of historical buildings and provide solutions compatible with their environments, with the requirement for these buildings to comply with UK fire safety law to protect staff, visitors and the structure itself from fire.</p>

Higher Risk Accommodation	Mark Andrews	<p>To promote consistency and common application of legislation in Higher Risk Accommodation by delivering clear processes, effective development of staff and guidance to protection officers and managers.</p> <p>Higher Risk Accommodation to be based on both the construction of the building and the vulnerability of residents within the building. Initial focus areas will be care homes, hospitals and shared tourism accommodation (e.g. AirBnB)</p>
Sprinklers / AFSS	Gavin Tomlinson	<p>To work with industry and other bodies through the National Fire Sprinkler Network to develop research and evidence to support the increased use of sprinklers in the built environment.</p> <p>To then lead the UK FRS in the lobby of governments to support that position and to share good practice across UK FRS</p>
National Operational Learning - Protection	Guy Keen	To work with the National Operational Learning team to ensure that P&BS related learning is built into the approach and that learning is routinely developed and shared across the UK FRS to inform good practice and policy development
RBIP and High-Risk Premises	Guy Keen	<p>To establish an RBIP working group to review the existing approaches and guidance for RBIP in UK FRS and to develop a good practice methodology that FRS can use to support RBIP and the definition of high-risk premises</p> <p>To ensure the guidance enables FRS to have informed approach to RBIP and IRMP and to ensure it supports the work of the NFCC Community Risk Programme and potential links to the Fire Standards Board</p>
Enforcement Working Group	Jenni Seex <i>(tbc)</i>	To establish an Enforcement Working Group to support FRS with the development and review of good practice guidance to support local enforcement activity and to engage with Governments and lobby and shape future enforcement legislation and guidance
CSR Response	Mark Hardingham	<p>To develop, with the Home Office and other Government departments, the P&amp;BS element of the NFCC and FRS business case to support future Comprehensive Spending Review.</p> <p>The aim is to ensure the best possible funding settlement for FRS based on current and emerging risk and demand</p>

		Where appropriate to mirror this approach with Devolved Assemblies
SiteSafe & Timber Frame Group	Lynsey Seal	<p>To re-establish the SiteSafe system for recording timber frame buildings.</p> <p>To work with partner organisations to ensure that the UK FRS is best placed to respond to the risk associated with the development of timber frame buildings.</p> <p>To consider extending the remit of the group to consider how it might support FRS to deal with the P&amp;BS related risk associated with other emerging construction methods and make appropriate links to other NFCC committees</p>
Primary Authority Schemes	Ritchie Rickaby	To co-ordinate and share good practice about the application and learning from Primary Authority Partnerships across the UK FRS. To liaise with Government to ensure that views and experiences of FRS are reflected in continued partnerships and reflect the wider direction of NFCC Protection & Business Safety and FRS.